

LHSCA All-Star softball games canceled by inclement weather, safety concerns

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Beau Chene softball coach **Thad Dickey** packed his bags and started driving to Monroe to prepare for the annual LHSCA All-Star softball games. Dickey, president of the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association, soon turned around and headed home.

A short time later it was announced that annual all-star games set for Friday and Saturday at the University of Louisiana at Monroe were canceled.

“Mother nature won this weekend ... that is about the only thing you can say,” Dickey said. “We’ve been working with this and looking at it since Monday. “We looked at every possible option.

ULM said their field was under water. Every high school field up north is under water too. We tried Louisiana College, and they're under water.

“The one option that could have worked was Broussard Park outside of Lafayette. Those fields are all artificial turf. But they have USSSA Youth baseball and softball tournaments scheduled, so they were booked.”

Dickey said the LSCA considered moving the game back one week but found out that up to 14 players would miss at least one of the games because of graduation ceremonies.

“One of the reasons why we moved the games up a week was because there are so many graduations next week,” Dickey said. “It also is a safety issue because some of the girls drive themselves, and we did not want them on the roads with the forecasts we have.”

Dickey said all the players scheduled to compete for the East and West squads will receive their awards, jerseys and other items they would have received had the games been played.